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**LETTER ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 34**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Written Opinion mailed July 17, 2000. This Amendment is in furtherance of the Amendment that was filed on May 2, 2000. Enclosed are replacement sheets 99, 143, and 144.

The changes requested herein serve to correct informalities in the application as previously amended and to distinguish the claims over the cited references.